

newal of the license of an escrow officer on or after January 1, 2016. The issuance or renewal of a license before January 1, 2016, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 13. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 23, 2015: Yeas 131, Nays 5, 5 present, not voting;
passed by the Senate on May 15, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved May 29, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

**CERTAIN QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE
PROJECTS FINANCED BY PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS**

CHAPTER 233

H.B. No. 2878

AN ACT

relating to certain qualified residential rental assistance projects financed by private activity bonds.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 1372.002, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(f) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), an applicant to which this subsection applies may aggregate more than one qualified residential rental project into a single, combined project as part of the participation of the housing authority for the applicable municipality in the Rental Assistance Demonstration program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, as specified by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2012 (Pub. L. No. 112-55) and its subsequent amendments, if the combined project is related to the municipal housing authority's conversion of public housing units as permitted under that program.

(g) Subsection (f) applies only to an applicant created by a municipal housing authority established by a municipality that is adjacent to an international boundary of this state and that is located in a county with a population of more than 800,000.

SECTION 2. Section 1372.006(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An application for a reservation under Subchapter B or a carryforward designation under Subchapter C must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee in the amount of \$500, except that:

(1) for projects that include multiple facilities authorized under Section 1372.002(e), the application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee in an amount of \$500 for each facility included in the application for the project; ~~and~~

(2) for issuers of qualified residential rental project bonds the application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$5,000, of which the board shall retain \$1,000 to offset the costs of the private activity bond allocation program and the administration of that program and of which the board shall transfer \$4,000 through an inter-agency agreement to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for use in the affordable housing research and information program as provided by Section 2306.259; and

(3) for a combined project that includes multiple qualified residential rental projects authorized under Section 1372.002(f), the application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee in an amount of \$5,000 for each qualified residential rental project included in the application for the combined project, the total amount of which the

board shall retain 20 percent to offset the costs of the private activity bond allocation program and the administration of that program and of which the board shall transfer 80 percent through an interagency agreement to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for use in the affordable housing research and information program as provided by Section 2306.259.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act in amending Chapter 1372, Government Code, applies only to a reservation of state ceiling granted on or after January 1, 2015.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 30, 2015: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting;
passed by the Senate on May 15, 2015: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Approved May 29, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

ELECTION OF CERTAIN COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEMBERS

CHAPTER 234

H.B. No. 2894

AN ACT

relating to the election of certain county bail bond board members.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 1704.0535, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1704.0535. **ELECTION OF CERTAIN BAIL BOND [SURETY] BOARD MEMBERS [MEMBER].** (a) The board shall annually conduct a secret ballot election to elect the *members [member]* of the board who *serve [serves]* as the representative of licensed bail bond sureties *and the representative of the criminal defense attorneys* by electing:

(1) a licensed bail bond surety or agent for a corporate surety board member; *and*

(2) a criminal defense attorney who is practicing in the county.

(b) Each individual licensed in the county as a bail bond surety or agent for a corporate surety is entitled to cast one vote for each license held *to elect the board member who is a surety or agent for a corporate surety.*

(c) *Each attorney who has a principal place of business located in the county and who is not legally prohibited from representing criminal defendants in the county is entitled to cast one vote to elect the board member who is a criminal defense attorney.*

(d) *Each elected justice of the peace in the county who is not legally prohibited from voting in an election for the purpose is entitled to cast one vote to elect the board member who is a justice of the peace.*

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act regarding the election of certain county bail bond board members do not affect the entitlement of a member serving on a board immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to serve and function as a member of the board for the remainder of the member's term. Those changes in law apply only to a member elected on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 12, 2015: Yeas 139, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; passed
by the Senate on May 15, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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